MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): If these swampy areas are registered, will they be filled up by the people?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): If they are registered, the swampy areas would be cleared and cultivated by the people. This would remove the root-cause for the out-break of malaria.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not think we shall be justified in swamping the discussion. Let us proceed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In order to fill up the swampy areas, the State will have to incur enormous expenditure. But if the swampy areas are given in registry, the State gains, the people gain and as a result of paddy cultivation the out-put of paddy in the State would increase. What I submit is the Public Health Laboratory or the members employed there were not in a position to diagnose the cause of the disease and therefore I submit that the Public Health Laboratory does not justify its existence. What I want to bring to the notice of the honourable members of this House is that the Public Health Laboratory has not been doing any useful work and it is incapable of doing any useful work and the experts employed in the department are not real experts. There is no use of wasting our money for the purchase of chemicals since these officers could not make proper use of them.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): What about the chemicals already purchased?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With whose permission did they purchase? Without our permission it was purchased. Let the officers who got them down pay out of their own pockets. Why should they come with a demand before us?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are not very serious there, I believe.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No, Sir, not at all (*Laughter*).

The motion was put to vote and carried, and the grant was made.

## INDUSTRIES.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We shall now go back to Mr. Kumara Das's motion.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 12,000 under Industries. This demand, Sir, consists of two items, *viz.*, a sum of Rs. 10,000 under Advance towards Working Capital for the Trivandrum Sales Depot and the other Rs. 2,000 under contingencies for the Government Carpentry School.

In the current year's budget, there is an allotment of Rs. 10,000 to meet the working capital of the Trivandrum Sales Depot. Sir, most of this amount is utilised for the purpose of purchasing yarn and supplying it to three institutions. These institutions are the Central Technological institute which is part of the Department of Industries, the Reformatory School which has also a small weaving establishment and

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the Central Prison Manufactory which consumes the major portion of the amount. Sir, when the demand was made during the Budget Session, it was not expected that there will be such a large demand for yarn from the Central Prison Manufactory. Within the first four months of the year, Rs. 9,800 worth of yarn was purchased for the Central Prison and supplied to it and thereafter, still more yarn is wanted, and without funds we are not in a position to purchase and supply it. The Reformatory School also wanted more yarn and this also we have to purchase. We have got yet a few more months to go and there is every likelihood of additional demand for yarn within the next four months. So I request that an allotment of Rs. 10,000 be made towards the working capital of the Trivandrum Sales Depot.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the amount of profit made by the Sales Depot out of this Rs. 10,000?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The profit is 2 per cent.

There is a special arrangement with the Madura Mills Company at Ambasamudram, under which they supply us yarn at a much cheaper rate than that offered by tenderers and they also allow our Sales Depot a commission of 2 per cent. on the purchase amount.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I ask whether the Government Sales Depot confines its attention to the purchase of yarn for the Central Prison and the Reformatory?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): No; its activities are varied.

**MR M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Do they sell rubber goods produced in our rubber factory?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): No, Sir, not yet.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Before the Sales Depot came into existence, from whom did the Central Prison buy the yarn?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Private contractors from whom tenders were invited.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): What is the special advantage of the present arrangement over that practice?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The Central Prison gets its yarn at a much cheaper rate than before, and also the Sales Depot gets a commission of 2 per cent. on the purchase amount.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Would it not be cheaper for the Central Prison to get the yarn direct from the Madura Mills Company and thus save also the 2 per cent. commission now taken by the Sales Depot?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Yes, if the company would give the concession; but they have not done so, so far

**RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR** (*Nominated*): May I know the amount of profit made by the Sales Depot, by this supply of yarn, in any one year, say 1109 or 1110?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): I have not got the figure; we have always been getting 2 per cent. of the purchase amount.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Are the goods manufactured out of this yarn, sent to the Sales Depot for sale?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Not always; there are some departments which buy these manufactured articles from the Central Prison. Sometimes, they are also sent to the Sales Depot for sale.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): So far as these institutions, the Central Prison and the Reformatory, are concerned, am I to understand that the Sales Depot exists only as a supplier of yarn on commission?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): It helps these institutions to get yarn at a much cheaper rate than before.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): When the Sales Depot was established, was it the intention of Government to do this kind of commission business?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): This was also one of the objects in view, *viz.*, helping institutions in getting raw materials cheaper.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is there any rule or understanding obliging these institutions to send their finished articles to the Sales Depot for sale?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): No; but, sometimes that is done.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it not possible for the Central Prison authorities to buy their yarn through the Trade Agent?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): That is not done since they get it very cheap now. The Trade Agent is at Bombay; we now get it from a nearer place.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was any attempt made to ascertain whether, through the Trade Agent at Bombay, this yarn could not be got cheaper than from the Madura Mills Company through the Sales Depot?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): It is certainly cheaper to get it from the Madura Mills Company than from Bombay.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What is the price of this yarn at Bombay and at the Madura Mills Company, Ambasamudram?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): I claim notice; I have not got the information at present.

The second item is for Rs. 2,000 under contingencies for the Carpentry School. The provision in the budget, for contingencies, (excluding stipends Rs. 3,500) is for Rs. 2,610, since we thought that our orders in this school would not far exceed those in past years. But, this year, we got a large order, unanticipated at the beginning, for Rs. 3,000. Therefore, the provision in the budget is not enough.

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**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : സെയിൽസ് ഡിപ്പോ മുഖേന നൂൽവരുത്തി മറ്റുള്ളവർക്ക കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് വല്ല ലാഭവും ഉണ്ടോ?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chem t in charge*) : 2 per cent. commission on the order.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ നെയ്യുന്ന വല്ല സാമാനങ്ങളും ഡിപ്പോവിൽ പ്രദർശിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : Yes.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : സെയിൽസ് ഡിപ്പോ നടത്തുന്നതു കച്ചവടം നടത്തി ലാഭം എടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയാണോ? അതല്ല, നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിലുണ്ടാകുന്ന സാമാനങ്ങളെ പരസ്യമായി വില്പനനടത്തി അതിന്റെ വിലയേയും ഉപയോഗത്തേയും പറ്റിയുള്ള അറിവു പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയാണോ?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemsit in charge*) : Our idea is to help local cottage industries as well as to earn profits.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : സെയിൽസ് ഡിപ്പോ മുഖേന നൂൽവാങ്ങിച്ചു് അന്യശാലകാർക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് പ്രദർശനത്തിൽ കവിഞ്ഞു കൂടുതൽ ഗുണം വല്ലതും ഉണ്ടോ?

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : That is a matter of opinion.

രണ്ടുപ്രകാരത്തിലും ഉണ്ടാകാം. ഗുണമുണ്ടെന്നുംവരാം, ഇല്ലെന്നും വരാം.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഏകദേശം ഒരു ലക്ഷം രൂപാമുടക്കി നൂൽ വാങ്ങിച്ചു മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു സെയിൽസ് ഡിപ്പോവിന് എന്തു ഗുണം ഉണ്ട് ?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : രണ്ടു പെർസെന്റ് കമ്മീഷൻ ഡിപ്പോവിനു കിട്ടും. മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു കുറഞ്ഞവിലയ്ക്കു നൂലു കിട്ടും.

It is advantageous to the Sales Depot as well as to the Central Prison. The Sales Depot gets its 2 per cent. commission, while the Central Prison gets its yarn cheaper.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : I oppose this demand. From the answers given by the member in charge of the demand to the series of questions put to him with a view to ascertain the principle on which the Sales Depot is being worked by the Government, we find that the Sales Depot has degenerated into a commercial concern exclusively. Government seem to take shelter under the fact that they



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[Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai.]

do not incur any loss on account of these depots. But, as could be seen from the Financial Secretary's speech on the establishment of these depots, the definite object of these depots was to gather and exhibit for sale finished articles made in Government and in private industrial institutions. The Director of Industries now says that the present arrangement is to enable the Sales Depot to get its 2 per cent. commission.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT**: He only said that the 2 per cent. commission was an additional advantage.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): He was definitely asked whether the Central Prison is under any obligation to sell its finished products through the Sales Depot alone and he said that there was no such obligation and that they were at liberty to sell them as they liked. It is therefore quite clear that the main object of the Sales Depot is to get the small commission of 2 per cent. Sir, certainly, we do not want Government institutions to compete with private enterprise. Any Chalai merchant who can raise some Rs. 10,000 can undertake this supply of yarn. The Sales Depot is now depriving such private businessmen of the commission they can make.

**MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will it not be ultimately to the good of the general public?

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): I fail to understand how.

**MR. K M. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha II*): Because —

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT**: I cannot allow you to supply an answer.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): So long as there is no loss occasioned to Government by transactions proposed by the authorities of the Sales Depot, probably the House will not take it seriously and the House may grant such an allotment. But my submission is that the House should emphatically protest against this attitude taken by the department, namely, that the Sales Depots can justify their existence provided they make some profits. That ought not to be the view-point of the department. Therefore, in as-much as it has been admitted clearly by the member in charge of the subject that he looks up to some small percentage of gain, and in-as-much as he says that there is absolutely no compulsion on any Governmental or other agency sending finished products for the purpose of exhibition, the House will be going against the principle on which the Sales Depots were sanctioned two years ago if they sanctioned this allotment. Nothing is going to be lost if we reject this demand, because the Central Prison can, with the funds allotted to that institution, purchase yarn from elsewhere. Therefore, for the purpose of bringing this fact home to the authorities, I request the House to reject this demand.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): I too oppose this demand. The Sales Depot has not been started for the purpose of purchasing yarn and supplying it to the various departments in the State. It is the duty of

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the Trade Agent if any of our institutions require any article from outside Travancore, to find out the material available from the cheapest place and see that it is supplied to the institution requiring it. It is mainly the duty that the Trade Agent has to discharge and not the Sales Depot. So the Sales Depots are not now intended to discharge the purpose for which they were started. The member in charge now makes a demand for Rs. 10,000 in order to conduct purchases and sales.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kaikulam I*): May I know from the member whether the sanctioning of this amount to the Sales Depot in any way stands against the Director of Industries getting yarn through the Trade Agent if that is found more profitable?

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): The official member in charge has explained to us that he is not going to make the purchase through the Trade Agent, but on the other hand he is going to make the purchase direct from the Madura Mills. So there is no necessity for me to make any reply to the question put to me. If the Acting Director told us that the idea of getting the money was to make purchases from small concerns or from private individuals inside Travancore who are manufacturing this yarn and then to stock it up in the Sales Depot and then sell it and make a profit out of it, we can understand it. From the Administration Report of the Industries Department, it is found that the usefulness of a Sales Depot in Trivandrum to the small industrialists for exhibition and sale of their products is realised. But the purchase and sale of yarn is not a legitimate work. It is practically illegitimate work (*Laughter*). When a work is not legitimate, it is illegitimate. So I oppose the demand.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): ഞാൻ ഈ അഭിപ്രായത്തെയെ തുടക്കുന്നു. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു് ഒരു സെയിൽസ് ഡിപ്പോ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് വെറും ഒരു അലങ്കാരത്തിനു് മാത്രമായിട്ടല്ലാതെ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു് അതുകൊണ്ടു യാതൊരുപ്രയോജനവും സിദ്ധിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഈ ഡിപ്പോവിൽ വില്പനക്കു് വച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സാമാനങ്ങൾക്കു് മറുകടകളിൽ ഉള്ളതിനെക്കാൾ വളരെക്കൂടുതൽ വിലയാണു് നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് തീരെ വില്പന നടക്കുന്നില്ല. ഗവണ്മെന്റു് കച്ചവടത്തിനു് പുറപ്പെടരുതെന്നാണു് എന്റെ താഴ്മയായ അഭിപ്രായം. അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്താൽ തീർച്ചയായും ഗവണ്മെന്റിനു് നഷ്ടമുണ്ടാകുകയുള്ളൂ. കൺട്രാക്റ്റുമുഖേന വരുത്തുന്ന നൂലിന്റെ വിലയും നേരിട്ടു് വരുത്തുന്ന നൂലിന്റെ വിലയും തമ്മിൽ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നു. ഓരോ ഇനം നൂലിന്റെ വിലയും അതിന്റെ പ്രയത്നക്രമവും മുടക്കുന്ന പണത്തിന്റെ ആദായവും കൂടി നോക്കുന്നതായാൽ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടായിരിക്കാനല്ലാതെ കുറഞ്ഞുവരാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു്

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ലാഭം കിട്ടുമെന്ന് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല. അതിനാൽ ഗവ ണ്മെൻറ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സംഗതിയിൽ പ്രവേശിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തതാ ണ്. ഗവൺമെൻറ് കച്ചവടംചെയ്യാൻ പാടില്ല. ഇന്നയിന്ന സാമാ നങ്ങൾ ഇന്നയിന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു് ധാരാളം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നു. ആ സ്ഥലത്തു് അതിന് ഇന്നവിലയേയുള്ളൂ. അതു് വാങ്ങിച്ചാൽ കൂടുതൽലാഭം കിട്ടും എന്നീ സംഗതികൾ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്ക് മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതിനാണ് സെയിൽസ് ഡിപ്പോ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഈ സെയിൽസ് ഡി പ്പോ നിറുത്തേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് ഒരു കാലത്തു് ഫൈനാൻസ് കമ്മിറ്റി യിൽ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതായി എനിക്കറിയാം. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ലാഭം കിട്ടുമെന്നു് പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഈ അഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ അനുവ ദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാൻ പാടുള്ളതല്ല.

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Sir, one or two points have been raised which had better be cleared. It has been said that the Sales Depot has degenerated into a commercial concern and that, for the sake of a two per cent. profit, we are dealing in this matter. Sir, the matter of profit is only a minor affair and all those objects for which the depot was started are still being kept in view.

**MR. E V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the objects for which and the ways in which the Sales Depots are being worked?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*). The objects have been described by the honourable member himself. If, in the course of its work the Sales Depot gets a little profit I do not see any harm.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether the price in the Sales Depot of any article is much more than the price of the same article in the ordinary market?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The articles are deposited there by several people and the prices demanded are the prices quoted by the people exhibiting them. The Sales Depot has no voice in the matter and if there is any difference between the price of an article in the Sales Depot and the price of an article elsewhere, the matter entirely rests with those exhibiting the article in the depot.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): സാമാനത്തിൻറെ ന്യായമായ വില ഇതുയാണെന്നു പരസ്യം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു മുൻപ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെ ൻറിൽനിന്നും അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടോ?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Well, the party is willing to sell his wares only at a particular rate and if you say that he should sell it at a different and lower rate, he will not be willing to do so. So we keep his own rate; and if his articles find a sale, well and good.

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**MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): May I know from the member how the purchasing of yarn through the Sales Depot is advantageous to Government?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): That point touches upon Mr. Krishna Pillai's also. That is this—whether there is any advantage in the Sales Depot purchasing the yarn. The fact must be admitted that the yarn has to be purchased for the Prison Manufactory. Whether it is through the Sales Depot or through the agents it does not matter. While it has got to be purchased, the best thing is to get the yarn of the required quality at the lowest rate; and now it happens that the Sales Depot is able to get a cheaper quotation itself than through agents.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is anybody in the Sales Depot who is in touch with the yarn market and who is a specialist in the prices of yarn throughout South India?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): I cannot say that there is one such in the Sales Depot, but the department has people who are in touch with the yarn market and who have specialised in the price of yarn.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is any such person in the depot who is dealing with the purchase of yarn from particular places and its disposal?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): We have people in the department who know about every kind of yarn and it is after their advice is obtained that the department makes the purchase.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is anybody in the depot who is conversant with the yarn market as such?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): There is the expert in the department who knows everything about yarn and whose advice is taken in purchasing yarn.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT**: Some members wanted to know whether the Trade Agent will be able to negotiate for the purchase of yarn better than the Sales Depot.

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The Trade Agent is in Bombay. We have tried and found as a result of our negotiations that our present method fetches better results.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Trade Agent who is at Bombay is an Indian Trade Agent for Travancore or a Bombay Trade Agent for Travancore?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): He is a Trade Agent for Travancore.

**MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the member be pleased to explain whether, when the Central Prison wanted to purchase yarn they called for quotations from various persons or whether they accepted the quotation of the Sales Depot without calling for other quotations?

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**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): That is a matter which rests entirely with the Central Prison. When they have accepted our quotation and asked us to purchase yarn for them, we have only to purchase it for them.

Sir, I request that the grant may be sanctioned.

The Demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

## MEDICAL.

**MR. JAMES SIMPSON** (*Darbar Physician*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 19,500, for (i) travelling allowance of officers Rs. 2,000; (ii) grant to the Salvation Army's Leper Colony, Chemmanad—Rs. 2,500; (iii) Dieting charges for in-patients—Rs. 15,000.

The first demand is for travelling allowance of officers under "Superintendence", which has arisen under the following circumstances. Government allowed Rs. 2,500 in the last budget, of which Rs. 300 was for the travelling allowance of the establishment. In 1110 the travelling allowance bills to the extent of Rs. 1,245 were not cashed till 1111. Therefore this amount was paid from the budget allotment of 1111. During Chingam and Kanni of 1111, the Darbar Physician did not attend to his usual work of inspection. He had to go about for malaria supervision in certain taluks. The bills for these two months came to Rs. 470. Therefore, the money actually available for his touring work comes to Rs. 480. This sum is quite inadequate. Therefore, this supplementary demand is necessary.

Coming to the second demand, here again the supplementary demand is due to the fact that we could not definitely put into the budget estimate for 1111 the requirements under this head. The Salvation Army were promised by G. O. dated the 26th January 1933, that, if they established a Leper Colony in North Travancore, Government would allow them a consolidated grant of Rs. 4 As. 8 per adult and Rs. 2 As. 8 for every child per mensem. Now, Sir, this colony was opened in Vrischigam this year. Hence no budget provision was made in the budget estimate. The Salvation Army started the colony in Vrischigam with four adults until in Kumbhom they had 69 adults.

In Meenam there were 69 adults and 8 children;
in Medam 85 adults.
in Edavam 90 adults (expected)
in Mithunam 100 adults (expected).

The total amount of grant comes to Rs. 2,695 on this arbitrary calculation.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): What will be the expense per adult per mensem in the Government Leper Asylum?

**MR. JAMES SIMPSON** (*Darbar Physician*): I was trying to get that information for the House to-day. But the only information available to me is what is given in the Administration Report for 1109. In

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